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Top Stories

- Microsoft Corp. employees demanded the company halt its $480 million contract to produce its HoloLens augmented reality headsets for the U.S. Army, saying in a letter that they "did not sign up to develop weapons." More than 100 employees had signed the letter, addressed to Chief Executive Satya Nadella and President Brad Smith, by late Friday. (Bloomberg)

- At least four apps have stopped sharing sensitive user data with Facebook Inc. following a report Friday that several popular health and fitness apps were sending personal information, such as heart rate tracking and menstrual cycle calendars, to the platform, even if the user didn't have a Facebook account. Facebook also contacted some large advertisers and

developers following the report to inform them that it prohibits apps from sending it such data. (The Wall Street Journal)

- YouTube said it will no longer support advertising on channels that feature anti-vaccination content, saying the videos violate its policy against monetizing videos that promote "dangerous and harmful content." (BuzzFeed News)

Chart Review

Google's new cloud boss has big task to catch rivals, Reuters data show
Reuters

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

02/25/2019

The APTS Public Media Summit	8:30 am
The New York Times' New Work Summit	12:00 pm
Federal Communications Bar Association's FCC Enforcement Committee Brown Bag Lunch	12:00 pm
WSJ's CIO Network annual meeting	4:00 pm

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The APTS Public Media Summit	7:15 am
WSJ's CIO Network annual meeting	7:30 am
Silicon Valley Global Innovation Summit	7:30 am
The New York Times' New Work Summit	8:00 am
New America's "Disaster Tech for Resilient People" event	9:00 am
House Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee's "Protecting Consumer Privacy in the Era of Big Data" hearing	10:00 am
House Homeland Security Committee's "Securing U.S. Surface Transportation from Cyber Attacks" hearing	10:00 am
House Intellectual Property Subcommittee's "Examining the 2019 Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress" hearing	10:00 am
National Association of Broadcasters' 2019 State Leadership Conference	2:00 pm

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National Association of Broadcasters' 2019 State Leadership Conference	7:00 am
The APTS Public Media Summit	7:30 am
The INCOMPAS Policy Summit	8:30 am
Dialogue on Diversity's 2019 Internet Data Privacy Colloquium	9:30 am
Senate Commerce Committee's "Policy Principles for a Federal Data Privacy Framework in the United States" hearing	10:00 am
House Appropriations Committee's "Election Security: Ensuring the Integrity of U.S. Election Systems" hearing	10:00 am
House Ways and Means Committee's hearing on U.S.-China	

trade	10:00 am
Lincoln Network's "Should Congress revive the Office of Technology Assessment?" discussion	2:00 pm
Senate Small Business Committee's "Made in China 2025 and the Future of American Industry" hearing	2:30 pm
The New York Times' "New Technology & America's Infrastructure" featuring Rep. Josh Gottheimer and Lyft Chief Policy Officer Anthony Foxx	6:30 pm

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Federal Communications Bar Association's PSAP/911 Call Center Tour	10:00 am

03/01/2019

Cato Institute's "Who's Afraid of Big Tech?" conference	8:00 am

03/04/2019

RSA Conference USA	7:00 am

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The State of the Democratic Primary

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General

Approval Rate Declines for H-1B Visas

Louise Radnofsky, The Wall Street Journal

The Trump administration is demanding supporting evidence in many more applications for coveted H-1B visas for high-skilled foreign workers, and denying more petitions, according to its own data published Friday.

Silicon Valley loves Cory Booker. That could be a problem for him.
Theodore Schleifer, Recode

He is the intermittent faster, the Tim Ferriss podcaster, the first-generation tweeter, the startup founder, the college pal of Reid Hoffman and other Stanford graduates of the early '90s who built the modern Internet. If any Democratic presidential candidate has tapped into the Silicon Valley zeitgeist over their careers, it is Cory Booker.

Federal Privacy Law Sees Rare Bipartisan Effort, but Hurdles Persist
Ashley Gold, The Information

About once a week over the past few months, aides for a bipartisan group of four Senate lawmakers have huddled in Capitol Hill offices to discuss what data privacy legislation in the U.S. should look like. They have a long way to go. One area of debate, said people close to the negotiations, is defining what consumer privacy means.

Hill Hearings to Explore Path to Federal Privacy Law
Sara Merken and Daniel R. Stoller, Bloomberg Law

House and Senate lawmakers are set to ramp up efforts to develop a broad federal data privacy law with a pair of hearings. Tech companies, retailers and privacy advocates are pushing Congress to enact a sweeping law following a series of high-profile data scandals involving Facebook Inc., Equifax Inc. and other companies.

The Cold War in Tech Is Real and Investors Can't Ignore It
Reshma Kapadia, Barron's

Cisco Systems, an early Silicon Valley success story, has become one of the nation's top tech exporters. Today, roughly half of the networking giant's sales come from outside the U.S. As foreign countries sought to catch up with U.S. connectivity, Cisco helped plug them in.

Airbnb highlights S.F. growth after implementing host registration
Kia Kokalitcheva, Airbnb

A year after begrudgingly integrating its host sign-up process with San Francisco's city registration system for short-term rentals and removing unregistered hosts, Airbnb says that home listings in the city have grown 22% to more than 7,800.

Stocks Climb as China Soars on Optimism Over Trade: Markets Wrap
Eddie van der Walt, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures advanced alongside stocks in Europe and Asia after President Donald Trump postponed the date for boosting tariffs on Chinese imports, taken as a sign of progress in the trade talks. Bonds fell and the dollar retreated.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Apple closes two Dallas stores in apparent bid to ward off patent trolls
Timothy B. Lee, Ars Technica

Apple is closing two Apple stores in the northern suburbs of Dallas in an apparent bid to ward off litigation from patent trolls. The stores are in the Eastern District of Texas, a federal court jurisdiction notorious for its friendliness to patent holders.

Seven Black Inventors Whose Patents Helped Shape American Life
Claudio E. Cabrera and Julia Jacobs, The New York Times

Black inventors' paths to securing a patent in the United States have historically been jammed with obstacles. Before the abolition of slavery, the United States Patent and Trademark Office excluded slaves from owning patents.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Trump says Huawei charges on the table in China trade talks

Steven Overly, Politico

President Donald Trump on Friday suggested that criminal charges against Chinese telecom giant Huawei and one of its top executives could be used as a bargaining chip in his administration's ongoing trade negotiations with China.

Huawei's Plight Hangs Over Wireless Industry Showcase
Adam Satariano, The New York Times

Wireless carriers have for years said the next generation network, known as 5G, will provide not only hyper-fast mobile phone speeds, but breakthroughs for data-heavy technologies like autonomous vehicles, robotics and artificial intelligence.

Nokia says 5G would not be delayed by ban on Chinese suppliers
Jack Stubbs and Douglas Busvine, Reuters

Nokia does not expect the possible exclusion of Chinese companies on security grounds to delay the rollout of next-generation 5G services in European markets, CEO Rajeev Suri told Reuters.

Facebook brings 5G wireless internet to California homes
Katie Collins, CNET

At the world's biggest mobile show, the world's biggest social network is attending on a very important mission: to spread the word about its vision to connect the world.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Top Policy Executive Departs Lyft
Cory Weinberg, The Information

Joseph Okpaku, Lyft's vice president of government relations, will leave the company this week-the latest in a wave of departures atop the ride-hailing company's policy team in the last year or so. In Okpaku's five years at Lyft, the policy team grew from roughly five to 60 people.

NY governor orders probe into Facebook access to data from other apps

Jonathan Stempel and Katie Paul, Reuters

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on Friday ordered two state agencies to investigate a media report that Facebook Inc may be accessing far more personal information than previously known from smartphone users, including health and other sensitive data.

Inside the Rise and Fall of a Multimillion-Dollar Airbnb Scheme
Luis Ferré-Sadurní, The New York Times

From the outside, there was nothing especially notable about the small white building on the corner of a cobblestone street in TriBeCa. But until recently, it was a crucial location in a sprawling empire.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

New flaws in 4G, 5G allow attackers to intercept calls and track phone locations
Zack Whittaker, TechCrunch

A group of academics have found three new security flaws in 4G and 5G, which they say can be used to intercept phone calls and track the locations of cell phone users.

Big Tech Vs. Big Privacy Lawsuits
Jeff John Roberts, Fortune

Jay Edelson grew up poor among rich kids outside Boston. He seethes at the recollection of other boys smashing their $200 tennis rackets he could not afford, and of his parents scolding him for trying to spend the $20 he had earned raking leaves.

Cyber attacks on financial services sector rise fivefold in 2018
Madhumita Murgia and Nicholas Megaw, Financial Times

Financial services companies in the UK saw a fivefold rise in data breaches in 2018 compared to the year before, according to the Financial Conduct Authority, in the latest sign of how the sector is under relentless attack from hackers.

Are you being scanned? How facial recognition technology follows

you, even as you shop
Eden Gillespie, The Guardian

If you shop at Westfield, you've probably been scanned and recorded by dozens of hidden cameras built into the centres' digital advertising billboards. The semi-camouflaged cameras can determine not only your age and gender but your mood, cueing up tailored advertisements within seconds, thanks to facial detection technology.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Trump and Huawei
The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

The U.S. and China appear to be making progress toward a new trade deal, and doing so is essential to repair the damage that tariffs are inflicting on both economies. But one emerging risk is that President Trump will undermine U.S. law as part of the trade negotiations.

How Washington Will Tame Tech's Behemoths
Adam Lashinsky, Fortune

William Barr, in his January confirmation hearings to become the U.S. attorney general, entered into the lexicon a valuable, if redundant, expression to describe the biggest technology companies in the land.

Research Reports

Survey: 51% Of Tech Industry Workers Believe President Trump Has A Point About The Media Creating Fake News
Joseph Bernstein, BuzzFeed News

A new study by BuzzFeed News and Lucid surveyed tech workers on their attitudes toward the media. The results show deep skepticism toward the press, and concerns about the role of identity politics in coverage.

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